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New England Education League,

Nov. 28, 1899.

The Secretary herewith submits to the subscribers a brief report of the work of the League since issue of last statement, Nov. 25, 1898.

Summary.

Mail pieces,	5.500.
Calls on individuals,	2,100.
Papers issued, 4 to 8 pages,	20,000.
Paper on "Physical Training in New England Schools.	15,000
Editorials for prominent publications,	4
Magazine articles,	2
Matter furnished newspapers.	22
Places visited,	14
Boston, Somerville, Springfield, Mass.;	
Lisbon, Dublin, Concord, N. H.;	
Hartford, New Britain, Suffield, Windsor Locks, South Windsor, Tlapking, East Windsor, Conn.	
Correspondence on following subjects:-	
Transportation, Natural School Unit, Cheap Library Post, Physical Training in New England Schools,	
Addresses.	27

Places of Meetings.

Bushnell Congregational Church,	Hartford, Ct.
Asylum Ave.	" "
Windsor Ave.	" "
Congregational Church,	East Hartford, Ct.
Town Hall,	Tlapking, Ct.
Congregational Church,	East Windsor, Ct.
Parlor Meeting, Mrs. Charles Schwartz, Suffield, Ct.	
Baptist Ministers' Conference,	N.Y. City,
Art Museum.	Springfield, Mass.

20th Century Club,	Boston, Mass.
Parlor Meeting at Mrs. Kate Garnett Wells,	"
New England Women's Club,	"
N.E. Music Teachers' Ass'n at N.E. Conservatory,	"
Episcopal Rectors' Monday Meeting,	"
Congregational	"
Baptist	"
Universalist	"
The Round Table,	"
Women's Suffrage Fortnightly,	"
Teachers' Meeting,	Dedham, Mass.
Art Circle,	Cambridge "
Cambridge Literary Society,	"
Carabigia,	North Cambridge,
Universalist Church,	Cambridge, Mass.
Neighbor Club, Episc. Theol. Sem.,	W. Somerville,
Universalist Church,	Lisbon, N.H.
County Teachers' Ass'n.,	Concord, N.H.
State High School Teachers' Institute,	Boston, Mass.
Boston Physical Education Society,	Atlanta, Ga.
American Library Ass'n,	

In connection with these meetings the following also have spoken:- G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. C. G. Bristol, Rev. W. W. Ranney, Prof. F. T. Luther of Hartford, Ct.; Rev. F. P. Bachelor, Hockanum, Ct.; Sept. T. M. Balliet, P. J. Moran, D.D., of Springfield, Mass.; State Agent Fletcher, Northampton, Mass.; Sec'y F. A. Hill, Col. T. W. Higginson, Dr. R. G. Heeling, Dr. D. A. Sargent of Cambridge, Mass.; N. E. Wood, D.D., Prof. W. T. Sedgwick, Rev. C. G. Ames, Prof. John Tettlow, Dr. A. E. Winslow of Boston, Mass.

Some invitations for papers or addressed as American Social Science meeting Saratoga, N.Y., Mt Holyoke College, Social Science Class and others have been declined from necessary reasons.

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Interviews with Individuals.

The Secretary has met over 2000 persons in New England in connection with this work during the year in personal conversation. Among these are residents of cities, villages and country, representing every New England state; also, men of professions, public officials and different pursuits. He finds, as might be expected a diversity of views as to what education properly is, how it should be conducted and paid for, what its limits at public charge should be and the like, but in the main a wish to promote educational progress and greater equality of educational opportunity.

Legislation

The League as a body has recommended no specific legislation. It has called attention to the fact of gross inequalities schoolwise as to opportunity and taxation, and how, according to educational and public authorities, these may for the most part be corrected, Some friends of the League favor consolidation of districts into towns (Conn. and R.I.) some favor town groups or counties for expensive schools, some favor a natural unit based on accessibility of schools. In taxation some advocate handling it as is done with new highways (in some states); town $\frac{1}{3}$; County, $\frac{1}{3}$; State, $\frac{1}{3}$. Others believe in state tax. Still others in local supplemented by state tax while some think in some way all New England should cooperate for education. The Report of Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools, Official documents of State Secretaries of Education and Governors present these subjects at length. The League calls attention to the fact that the civic wisdom of the people must in the end adjust these matters and, while new legislation naturally comes up each year, much may be done under existing laws by forming a more intelligent public opinion, by wisely

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directed philanthropy and the cooperation of all agencies interested in public education. All these points are discussed to some extent in printed matter sent to subscribers.

Dublin, N.H. Schools, See The People, July 1899, p. 2.

Free Educational Lectures for all New England are explained in The People, Nov., 1899, page 4.

A Cheap Library Post.

An important movement of this kind has arisen in connection with the general effort of the League. This is described in The People, July, 1899, p. 5 and November, 1899, p. 5.

Some School Studies

are described in papers sent to subscribers as follows: - "Natural School Unit", The People, July, 1899, page 3; "Post Office and Public Libraries", The People, July and Nov., 1899, p. 5; "Physical Training in New England Schools", The People, Nov., 1899, Supplement. Other material of value has been collected in the line of comparative study of New England school laws, transportation of pupils, application of elective idea to important unrecognized studies and other subjects, but it has been impossible to put them in print to date.

Photographs

These

We are collecting some photographs illustrative of

matters and it is hoped in time to have facilities presenting these subjects by fitting illustrations.

Printing.

Three carefully prepared papers of some length have been printed during the year. "Equal Education in New England" in Cambridge Chronicle Magazine for April; "A New England Education Policy" or "The Extension of the Mass. High School Law to New England" in New England Magazine for June; "A Cheap Library Post", Address before A. L. A meeting at Atlanta, Ga., printed in Boston Transcript of May 15, 1899; editorials referred to above.

Financial Report.

A report of the finances, audited, is herewith presented. It covers period from Jan. 1, 1897 to Feb. 6, 1899. See copy later.

Improved Finances.

Comparatively little effort was made to gather funds prior to February, 1899. During 1897 and 1898 a basis of agreement was obtained for the work and the work presented to a large number of persons throughout New England for their consideration. After long and careful preliminary effort, it was found wise and necessary to strengthen the financial side of the work. A circular signed by prominent men and women of New England was prepared and in response thereto larger financial help has been obtained. See The People, page 7, July issue.

List of Subscribers is given later.

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The Future.

The League will proceed on the lines originally planned and thus far successfully pursued.

1. Judicious agitation, diffusion of information,
2. Formation of right public opinion.
3. Wise legislation
4. Well directed philanthropy

It is believed, as stated in papers and reports of the League that New England has a better opportunity than any other equal area for working out a wise, adaptive and comprehensive system of public education to reach every community, family and child within its borders.

List of Subscribers to date.

The Secretary includes in this list all who have given subscriptions since the New England Education League began. Some subscribers to a preliminary movement are given on separate paper. In the list one amount is given which in some cases includes several separate subscriptions.

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